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*Of the Venezuelan Commission and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.*

**Sketch of the Man who Lectures to Columbian Law School on Corporation Law.**

Great men are usually facile in the use of their hands. The faculty of shaking hands in a most impressive manner is sometimes the great secret that holds certain gentlemen in office. Others attain power through the help of these useful parts, in making public addresses, and others dominate their fellow beings through the use of "a smooth Italian hand," as Murat Halstead has been pleased to term it. The subject that the CALL takes honor in paying tribute to to-day is the possessor of most expressive hands. They have a most cheerful way of rubbing themselves, and like a magician the owner can rub as many ideas out of them as he likes. Those same hands can assist in the telling of a story in a most able manner, and should Justice Brewer in some unfortunate manner lose the service of these two capable members the public would feel the misfortune as keenly, in some respects, as he.

He is a product of the combined East and West. The Atlantic states took care of his education, taught him certain graces of person, and strengthened his love for wide and deep knowledge, but it was the boundless west that made him the most liberal of men. He crossed the Mississippi in the days when "Bleeding Kansas" had the attention of the world. From St. Louis the white-capped prairie schooners in long trains were slowly wheeling toward the fertile country westward. It was a new land that the young lawyer entered. He had but recently graduated from the Albany Law School, the theory of the law was clear in his mind, but he was to acquire its practical side among a people that were busily perfecting their state and municipal law, and whose social conditions were still in a chaotic state. The common sense that is his pronounced characteristics to-day found exercise in those youthful legal times. Older men respected him as soon as they met him. He had a happy way in treating the difficulties of his fellow citizens, and Leaven-

worth, Kansas, soon had a growing opinion of the young lawyer's prowess. From the beginning he was a jurist, his legal mind, the keen and lofty sense of right, especially qualified him for the bench, and in a few years he had been successively criminal, probate and district judge. His honors came fast and his reputation grew beyond state limits. The wisdom that placed him on the Supreme Bench was commended on all sides. Then began a career that was a proper rounding out of a typical legal life.

There is a good deal in blood. Soldiers frequently beget soldiers, and the child of the poet loves the laugh of waters and the carol of the

tion, and the classes are out to a man. The premises are clearly stated, and through the series he carefully keeps the great principles clear in his hearers' minds. The subject is not one that gives a man much play for lighter talk, there is but little humor to it, and yet he tells at times a pat story that seems to fix the conclusion in your mind better than heavy logic. Justice Brewer is a true wit. His jokes require no explanation, and no explosive gust of laughter warns you that the point has arrived. His eyes twinkle when a witty *mot* is told, and no one enjoys a clean bit of fun more than he. One of the stories that he tells with success runs something as follows:



JUSTICE DAVID J. BREWER.

wild bird. The man who has the moral courage to carry a just cause into a new country may find in his son a desire to do the same thing. Justice Field's father had spent a number of years in Turkey as a missionary, and the Justice was born at Smyrnia, Asia Minor. His mother was Emilia A. Field, a sister of David Dudley, Cyrus W., and Justice Stephen J. Field. He inherits strong mental power from his maternal side, and from the paternal that love of a new people and new scenes that seems to mark him and his father.

In his lectures on corporation law to Columbian students he is always accorded the most respectful atten-

A man on horseback had been busily climbing a mountain one summer day. The sun was sinking in the west when he finally reached the top—a broad, flat plateau. There was no vegetation and no animal life, with the exception of a man who was leaning against a ramshackel hut. He was smoking a short, black pipe and seemed to be perfectly contented. The horseman viewed his surroundings and thought to himself. "This is the most God-forsaken place I ever saw; nothing but rocks. Why any one should want to live here is beyond me, and yet that man seems to be contented." The smoker seemed to divine the other's thoughts, for he finally took

the pipe from his mouth and for the first time he spoke:

"Stranger, you needn't pity me; I don't own a blanked foot of this soil."

It was merited recognition when President Cleveland named him as the executive head of the Venezuelan Commission. Long years of patient striving after facts have wonderfully prepared him for this work.

It is a great labor he has to perform, and a great man is in charge of it.

## University News.

### Dental Dots.

We note with regret the departure of our associate, Mr. S. R. Wheeler, who left a few days since for Los Angeles, Cal., for the benefit of his declining health. We extend to him our heartfelt wishes for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Fessenden H. Hicks, of the Senior Dental Class, has resumed his studies after spending his holiday season at home, Cambridge, Maryland.

Senior dentals are reminded that their specimen plates to be submitted at the close of the session should be well under way toward completion to avoid the grand rush at the end of the term.

Dr. James Denslow Eggleston, a graduate of the Georgetown School of Medicine and now a member of the house staff of the Emergency Hospital, has matriculated in Dentistry. The doctor will contribute a series of articles for the CALL, with wood cuts descriptive of his recent tour through Europe.

The Dental Classes were entertained with an impromptu talk by the editor-in-chief on last Monday evening, the 13th instant. We assure our able editor that he scored a success with the Dental boys. We wish him abundant success in popularizing the CALL and in making it a bright and interesting college journal.

Dentals desiring to subscribe for the CALL should hand their names and addresses to Dr. Jordan, the dental editor, or to any other member of the editorial staff.

The following axiomatic statements are submitted for the information of those concerned:

- I. Cementum covers enamel.
- II. Enamel never decays.
- III. Always use more plaster than sand.

Dental Infirmary is opened each week day between the hours of 1 and 5 p. m. All are welcome.

#### Medical Notes.

One visiting the medical school at present would decide that this is eminently a period of practical instruction. Dr. J. Ford Thompson is demonstrating to the seniors a series of most interesting operations upon the cadaver, and his subject being "perishable," he stated that if it were the will of the class he would be pleased to see the students present every evening at 5:30. The class always wills as Doctor Thompson wishes.

Dr. Shute, with his subject skillfully prepared by Prosector Heineke, is inspiring his audience of admiring juniors with the beauties of anatomy, and impressing upon them how fearfully and wonderfully they are made. Dr. Thompson's subject is carried out to give place to Dr. Shute's, and as they supinely pass in the corridor on their way to the rooms to await the next lecture, we are reminded that "we are born but not buried."

That Dr. King is soon to appear is evident from his carefully selected charts hanging on the wall. In a few minutes Dan enters rattling a tray of bright, shining instruments, the bell rings, and for an hour Dr. King discourses in his ever-instructive manner upon the improvement of the "new" over the "old." The above is a hastily drawn picture of the scenes presented to the correspondent while at the medical school last Monday night, and such scenes of activity are being enacted each evening after 5:30.

Dr. Yarrow has just begun a course of ten lectures on Dermatology. He stated in his introductory lecture that he fully realized the necessity of objective instruction, and although he had clinical material in richest abundance among the Ethiopian type, he was unable to present the patients at the college. Neither flattery, bribes, nor any persuasive arts he could bring to bear upon them had the slightest effect in inducing them to exhibit themselves to a class of medical students in a medical college after nightfall.

The valedictorian for '96 has been named in R. L. Lynch, Ph. G., his nephew, Mr. Lawrence, Ph. G., being next in rank, and Mr. Wolfe, Ph. D., second. All officers have been elected

and all committees chosen for '96; everything is in readiness to begin preparations for the commencement, of whose rapid approach the president is continually reminded by letters from engravers, jewelers, florists, etc., wishing to render all assistance desired in their respective lines.

#### College News.

College, in the throes of the mid-year examinations, presents a rather newsless aspect. The examinations passed up to the day of issue have been: On the 17th, the junior and senior classes with Dr. Sterrett, Greek, philosophy, and ethics, respectively; 20th, Latin; 21st, Freshman and Sophomore Greek, and political economy; 22nd, history; 23rd, literature.

The C. C. C. C. C. C. organized last week. Mr. E. K. Broadus was elected president and Messrs. Beattie, Gordon and Brodus executive committee. The club is open to challenges from any chess or checker club, collegiate or otherwise, in Washington or elsewhere. Play will commence at the close of examinations.

Several of the professors were absent last week: Drs. Sterrett and Huntington on account of colds. Dr. Montague had a more serious time of it, and for a little while pneumonia was feared. He was back again last Monday, but his constant cough showed that only strong sense of duty could have made him so expose himself.

There is a report current in college of which every one except the professor concerning whom the report was started, seems to be cognizant. Congratulations! We will give you a holiday that day.

#### Scientific Department.

It is rarely that the privilege is given us of meeting the other departments of the university. When the opportunity is afforded us, therefore, it should be embraced with enthusiasm. The lawyers are to have a debate on the fourth of February, and the hot words which these gentlemen can expectorate with so much credit to themselves on occasions of this nature, will be tempered by the soothing notes of music, as the University Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Club will also be present. A very enjoyable evening is promised, and those who remember with mingled feelings of pleasure and indignation the debate at Metzertott's last year can be assured that the sensations of enthusiasm of this debate will be unalloyed by any bitterness.

No charges of admittance will be made to students of the university,

and tickets can be secured at the office of the CALL.

It is not necessary to exhort students to be present—those who attended the debate last year need but one invitation.

The enemy is in our midst! We will have to step lively if we want to secure that \$1,500 gold and silver lathe offered by the Lodge & Davis Machine Tool Company. The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor is circulating in Washington among the alumni printed sheets for votes in number. The announcement of this fact by Professor Munroe came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. Lightning has struck the committee charged with this matter. Berry was seen dashing through the corridors with face flushed a scarlet, and when he stopped long enough to gasp out the news between his pants, a pool of perspiration collected at his feet. Hayes was thrown in a trance. He walked thro' the halls with bleared eye and a vacant look upon his face, and when questioned by his solicitous fellow students he answered in a monotone, "I want to know the object." And Cross, who is playing "Little John" to Loeffler's "Robin Hood" during the latter's sickness, has lost his usual elastic step and smiling face and now looks at you with an expression of sadness that would do credit to a dog in the rain.

The box for the votes will be found in the main corridor, first floor, painted a glorious combination of colors which is said to be those of the University.

The following vote will appear in every issue of the paper until the last week of March. Cut it out and deposit it:

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#### Law Notes.

Blain W. Taylor, '96, seems to have everything coming his way. We mentioned last week his election as chairman of the class executive committee. It is now our pleasant duty to chronicle the fact of his appointment as chief clerk of the Post Office Department. The law men extend congratulations, for there is no man they would rather see succeed than wholesome, modest, matter-of-fact Blain Taylor.

Harry C. Evans has been entertaining his father-in-law, Gen. J. B. Weaver, of Iowa, who has been attending the conference of the silver leaders in this city. The General is the same interesting and prominent figure that he was when as the nominee for President he led the Greenback forces in 1880 and the Populists in 1892.

#### ACADEMY PRIZE-WINNERS.

##### *A Crowd of Clever Fellows Who Took the Laurels in the "Prep." Department.*

The Academy has always been noted for the excellence of its commencements, and last year's was by no means an exception, either in generous distribution of premiums or in the success of the several candidates for honors. The picture we herewith present, while properly that of the graduating class of '95, we have thought worthy of publication because it represents among its numbers six or seven of the medallists. If you look along the second row where those three handsome fellows are by themselves, and observe the figure on the right you will be gazing into the blue eyes of David Laurance Chambers, who last year went through a grade of work hitherto unparalleled and at the close of the year captured more medals than any other fellow in the history of the school. Mr. Chambers is just seventeen, and '95 was his fourth year at the "prep," he having previously attended the Berret School in this city. As a perfect scholar his record has been unequaled. The way he rolled up 100's in Greek and Latin and history, and everything else, at serious impairment to his health, is astonishing to say the least. The class of '95 appreciated their leader, and, being popular, they made him president of the Hermesian Society, of the 1st class association. They declared him librarian and they chose him to represent them in a great debate with St. John's College, they unhesitatingly accorded him the valedictory for the eve of June 10, and on that night, with Metzertott Hall overflowing with pretty girls and manly boys, blazing with electric light and dainty costumes, in the warm air, to the crashing of the band, there was not one who grudged him his hard-earned laurels or hesitated to join in vociferous applause. Mr. Chambers received the senior class scholarship medal, a three-year department medal, the first Norment prize, \$25 in gold, the Latin, Greek, mathematics and history medals, the English composition medal, the evening's declamation medal and honorable mention for second best essay work.

Mr. Chambers is at present at his cosy home on Q street, the house in which he was born. An ardent Baptist, he is preparing for Princeton and will later study law. Q street has not produced many famous men



but it will have produced at least one before the century is past.

In the race for the medals, a close second, the one who pushed Mr. Chambers all the way through in the hottest kind of a contest and lost we would undoubtedly say through no fault of his own, was Stanton C. Peelle. Born in Indianapolis, he came to this city three years ago on the appointment of his father to judge in the U. S. Court of Claims, although previously he had been here when his father was in the House of Representatives. Passing three years at the "prep," he graduated, receiving the second scholarship in the 1st class, a three-year department medal and honorable mention for high standard of work in all branches throughout the year. He also received the second school honor—the salutatory—which he made quite a feature in itself, and declaimed "Robert of Sicily."

At present he is at the "Concord"

ment medal, the scholarship medal in the 4th class, and the second Norment prize, \$20 in gold. Outwater is a handsome, bright little fellow, and very enterprising. He and his brother manage a regular job printing office which they have made quite a success.

A. P. Spear is a bright New England lad, full of rollicking fun and humor, the son of Gen. Ellis F. Spear.



He lives out on Mt. Pleasant where there is ample room for him to indulge in those out-of-door sports that he loves so well, though he did not

let them prevent him from winning the 2nd scholarship medal in the 2nd class last year. His chief talent is

that originality and thought which he infused into his Hermesian essays, thereby gaining the society medal for such. He also received honorable mention for debate.

Back of Mr. Harlan, to the right, there stands Selma M. Mason, a true southern lad, who received a one-year deportment medal.

Mr. G. Emery Green, the smart-looking fellow to the right of the third row, carried off a four-year deportment medal, secured only by perfect deportment for all that time without a single absence or case of tardiness.

G. I. Raybold, that big fellow in the center of the group, received a one-year deportment medal, as did also Tom Williamson, jr., the spectacled fellow on the right of the first line. So did W. S. Manning, for two years. He stands back of Raybold to the right, with his ever-ready and happy smile.

Louis Glavis, Walter S. Woodward, and William Yoder all received one-year deportment medals. They were 4th class boys, eager and active and with the exception of Yoder are still at the Academy. In this list also belongs Otto L. Veerhoff, a sharp-looking, winning-looking fellow. Yoder's modesty did not prevent him from standing in the extreme rear of the view taken, where he can be seen with his military cap.

In the 2nd class, M. F. Lanza received the first scholarship medal and the third Norment prize, \$15 in gold. He also got the Sayre debating medal, and honorable mention for proficiency in English.

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CLASS OF '95.

from where every day he marches down to the College.

He is taking a B. A. course with the expectation of studying law. Mr. Peelle is an exceptionally bright young man, being quite an expert photographer and very fond of study, while his clean, fresh face and unassuming manners stamp him at once as the scholar and gentleman. Unfortunately he is not in our picture, as it was through his courtesy that the photo. itself was taken.

If the rest of "prep." boys did not capture a great number of medals it was because, after Mr. Chambers, there were hardly any more left. But still quite a few of them received the glittering decorations, and the ones below are worthy of notice by all means.

In the 4th class, Raymond Outwater, then in his first year at the school, received a one-year deport-

ment medal, the scholarship medal in the 4th class, and the second Norment prize, \$20 in gold. Outwater is a handsome, bright little fellow, and very enterprising. He and his brother manage a regular job printing office which they have made quite a success.

W. D. Sterrett is an excellent declaimer, receiving last year the Townsend elocution medal and the Depew prize for the evening's declamation. He is full of impetuosity and eagerness which he instills naturally into his pieces with great effect.

Nelson H. Rollins received the 1st scholarship medal in the 3rd class as well as a one-year deportment medal. He is a young man of quiet and studious habits.

Lorenzo S. Brown, jr., was an earnest member of Hermesian Society last year, and his efforts won him the society gold medal for debate. He is the gentlemanly-looking man, that he is, on the left of the fourth row in our picture.

Next to Mr. Brown there stands Rolvix Harlan with his clear-cut, penetrating features, marked by all

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### ONE GREAT COMMENCE- MENT.

IT has been suggested by a number  
of students, who have at all times  
the good of the University at heart  
that a change could be effected re-  
garding June commencements of the  
various departments that would be  
of benefit to all concerned. As the  
rule is now each school has its own  
commencement exercises, and as a  
result we have at different times  
through the month of May and the  
first half of June closing entertain-  
ments of the various departments in  
different halls of the city. The  
proposition advanced is to have one  
grand commencement at which every  
person who receives a degree from  
Columbian will take a passive part.

It may be argued that this will be  
impossible because the schools do  
not close their work at the same  
time, but the answer is that there is  
not so great a difference as to prevent  
all exercise being held at the same  
time. No school would have advan-  
tage of the other in this scheme.  
They would come forward and take  
their diplomas in regular order. But  
the most important advantage of

this suggested change is that it would  
make an evening when Columbian  
would be on the lips of the best peo-  
ple in the city. Convention hall  
alone would be capable of seating  
thousands that would attend, and it  
would make a fitting climax for a  
university year of progressive  
thought. In unity there is strength,  
and it seems to the advocates of this  
idea that greater good would redound  
to the University in having one  
grand commencement exercises of  
all the departments than to have a  
number of entertainments at differ-  
ent places.

### FALSE ESTIMATION.

WE hear a good deal of this  
subject in the various fields  
of life; the charge that man fre-  
quently fails to get his proper recog-  
nition from the people he serves, and  
too often it is true. Artists have  
lived a beggarly existence in some  
garret, in want for the bare neces-  
saries of life, gaunt, bitter and mis-  
erable, in an effort to get enough  
paint and canvas on which to create  
the masterpieces that a decade after  
their death the public have studied  
and got not their fill.

The note of some sweet singer has  
risen in the crowded city, but it died  
in the din of the hot and panting  
streets, and only when the singer  
slept beneath the flowers he loved so  
well did the rumble and roar of urban  
life stop long enough to pay him  
tribute. A false estimate was placed  
on both during life.

But while not so frequent the in-  
stances are marked where the public  
pays court to a being who has no  
right to the laurel wreath. Some  
years since a creature with soulful  
eyes and velvet knickerbockers  
landed on our eastern seaboard. He  
had a mission, it was to elevate the  
stork and the sunflower, and he  
posed in public with this alley bloom  
upon his shrunken chest, and soon  
the fad of æstheticism was on. There  
was nothing to his airy vagaries,  
and yet emotional and in many  
cases intellectual ladies hailed him as  
the leader of a new cult, a second  
Peter the Hermit, that was to lead  
the children of art into a land of  
milk and honey.

We were treated to the pleasure of  
a foreign Thespian at one of the city  
theatres the past week. At home he  
dines, so the cables tell us, with the  
prince, and the same source informs  
us that one of the prince's relatives  
in an excess of admiration for his  
acting called him to the throne and  
as he knelt at her feet tapped him  
lightly with a sword and declared to  
the world that he was a Sir Knight.

Straightway he makes an American  
tour, and we watch him in the steady  
glare of a lime light stalk and mut-  
ter, swallowing the last half dozen  
words of each sentence with the most  
beautiful gulp imaginable. Dozens  
of his fellow players are his equals,  
and several of his countrymen who  
have come to us to give "a really  
good, y' know" are his superiors. In  
our own ranks there are half a dozen  
Thespians who measure above him.

In the calm aftermath it will be  
conceded that the knight was a  
magnificent example of false estima-  
tion.

## Society Doings.

### Hermesian.

At the meeting last Friday Mr. C.  
Bittering read an essay on the Salva-  
tion Army. M. E. Dow's essay was  
dispensed with as he had been sick  
and Mr. E. Biscoe's excuse for not  
reading an essay was later acted upon  
by the executive committee. There  
were several fines during the course  
of the meeting. W. Ritchie was tem-  
porary sergeant-at-arms and J. E.  
Van Auken being excused at an early  
period, a temporary secretary also was  
appointed.

### Law School Debating Society.

The society met in the lecture hall  
on the evening of January 18 and  
was called to order by President  
Sparks, who made the following in-  
augural address:

GENTLEMEN: I know that you  
have done me a great honor in elect-  
ing me your president, and I feel the  
responsibility of the position.

Especially do I feel it on succeed-  
ing such an able parliamentarian as  
Mr. Underwood, whose decisions  
have always been manly, honest and  
fair.

In the future as in the past it shall  
be my aim to do all that is in my  
power to promote the welfare of the  
society.

The election just closed was a well  
contested one, as all our elections  
have been. I hope and believe like  
those of the past it has left neither  
wounds nor scars. So let us unite  
with one heart and one mind to work  
for the success of the society.

In my opinion, with the help of  
the CALL, which I suppose you all  
take, and if you do not you should,  
we can make our public debates a  
grand success. I hope in this mat-  
ter every member will take a per-  
sonal interest and work hard and  
earnestly that these debates may be  
of great credit to this University.

I enter upon my duties, gentle-

men, with experience enough in  
the society to have seen the diffi-  
culties of this position.

Without pretention to that high  
ability which has marked our for-  
mer presidents, I know I shall often  
go wrong through defect of judg-  
ment, and shall often be thought  
wrong by those not in a position to  
understand all the circumstances, but  
I hope by due diligence in the dis-  
charge of my duties and by the  
help of you all to merit something  
of the good will and confidence you  
have reposed in me.

Minutes of last meeting were read  
and approved.

Mr. Gram moved the suspension  
of the regular order and to proceed  
to the election of speakers for the  
next public debate, which motion was  
last by vote of 16 to 20.

The regular debate for the evening  
was then called, the question being:  
"Resolved, That independent action  
in politics is preferable to party alle-  
giance." The speakers assigned on  
the affirmative were Messrs. A. A.  
Davis, G. B. Harris and G. H. Cal-  
vert; on the negative, Messrs. H. B.  
Gram, C. B. Calvert and H. L. R.  
Browning.

Mr. Harris being absent the presi-  
dent appointed Mr. Keeper to fill the  
vacancy on the affirmative.

Messrs. Livingston, Jordan and  
Cousar were appointed judges, and  
on the conclusion of the debate found  
two for the affirmative and one for  
the negative.

Mr. Davis then asked the unani-  
mous consent for the election of offi-  
cers. There being no objection, nom-  
inations for chairman of the executive  
committee were declared in order.

Mr. Gentsch placed the name of  
Mr. McLean of the post graduate  
class in nomination, and the secre-  
tary was, by motion, instructed to  
cast the unanimous vote of the so-  
ciety for his election.

In order to expediate business by  
electing speakers for the public debate  
at the same time members of the  
executive committee were chosen, the  
amendment offered by Mr. Belitz on  
December 21 last was taken up and  
by vote of the society adopted.

The classes then separated and pro-  
ceeded to the election of members of  
the executive committee and speak-  
ers for the next public debate, with  
the following result:

As members of the executive com-  
mittee, Messrs. Gram and Keene of  
the post graduate class, Harrison and  
G. W. Baker of the senior, and Good-  
heart and Frith of the junior.

As speakers on the next public de-  
bate, Messrs. Gram and Nye of the  
post graduate class; W. H. Gray and



Greer of the senior, and Thomas and Cousar of the junior.

On motion of Mr. Moore the date of the next public debate was fixed as February 22.

The chairman of the executive committee reported the following question which was adopted for debate on the 15th of February:

*"Resolved, That the United States should aid in the construction of, and control, the Nicaraguan Canal."*

The following names were proposed for membership, and the secretary cast the unanimous vote of the society for their election: Messrs. M. L. Alden, Mackey and Wike.

The treasurer for the first term desired to make a report, but owing to the lateness of the hour he was directed to hold it over until the next business meeting.

On motion the society adjourned.

"Bunny" Hopkins, who was detained through ill health for a considerable time, reappeared early in the week and his smiling visage is again a feature of the school.

The examinations are to be held this term differently than heretofore. There will be only three days devoted entirely to them, January 29th, 30th and 31st—and the other examinations will occur in the various hours of the several recitations. Several come off this week.

The Senior Class Association held a meeting Monday, the 13th inst. A committee to get up a class pin was appointed. It is composed of Messrs. Spear, Van Auken and Lanza. A resolution concerning the spelling class was adopted and signed by the members and transmitted late in the week to the faculty through F. N.

whereas he did not think there was one *there* he knew where there were a good many, for he thought there must be a dozen or sixteen of them at the city pound. He wasn't mobbed, but—oh! my!

There is room at the Academy for a dozen or fifteen more subscriptions to the CALL, a glee club and several other things. Everything should be done to foster a school spirit, a sense of pride towards the University and its associations, and an affiliation among its members. It would be good for the boys and for the school, and there is no reason why it should not exist. A school is as much what it is through the doings of its scholars as through anything else and the scholars have great power to build up the school. They might begin by all wearing the University colors, if nothing more.

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W. C. Oldfield was born near Cedar Springs, Michigan, Oct. 10, 1869, a small farm being the pent-up Utica that confined his powers. He graduated from the Cedar Springs High School in '88. A dry goods clerkship doesn't offer many opportunities for greatness, but he tried



and followed it successfully until he made up his mind to have a college education. He entered Kalamazoo College and took the full course of studies prescribed in the English department. He graduated in '95 with a degree of B. S. In Oct., '95, he began his law studies and is now a promising member of '97. Mr. Oldfield has made many friends in his class and is looked upon as a creditable son of the good State of Michigan.

C. K. Macey was born February 18, 1869, of English parents, at Dryden, Thompsons County, N. Y. His



father, Thos. Macey, died when he was five years of age, and his youth was spent principally in attending school and studying. In the spring

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## University News.

### Academy.

Last Friday Prof. Wilbur lectured very entertainingly on Dr. Smith, the composer of "America." The lecture was of particular interest, as there hangs in the main room an autograph copy of the hymn written by the venerable author only forty-eight hours before his death, and is most likely the last copy ever written by him.

There were several cases of sickness reported last week. M. E. Dow, C. T. Fugitt and R. N. Gwynn were absent through this cause some days.

Everett, secretary. The association also resolved to have its photo. taken for the CALL.

A new text-book adopted by the Academy is "Chas. E. Bennett's Latin Grammar." Fashioned somewhat after the German writers, it is an excellent work, being recently introduced at Philips' Exeter Academy, though Columbian Academy introduced it within its walls twenty-four hours earlier, an interesting fact.

In English class the other day the question came up as to what sort of an animal an ounce was. The professor said he did not know whether there was one out at the Zoo or not. Upon this Everett remarked that

### Condemned by the Czar.

Professor Lester F. Ward's (Scientific '69, Law, '71) great philosophical work, "Dynamic Sociology," has been translated into Russian. The advanced views of the writer, however, were too much for the Russian dogmatism, and the enlightened Government of the Bear has burned the edition and forbidden its circulation in the kingdom of the Tsar. The work has been adopted as a text book in the Leland Stanford University, and is used as a book of reference in almost all other great universities of the United States. Nothing advertises a work like opposition, and perhaps the Russian declaration against it is the best thing that could have happened.

of 1890 Mr. Macey entered the stenographic branch of Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he graduated early in the fall of the same year. He went at once to New York City, where he was employed as a stenographer until the winter of 1892. Desiring to study law in Washington, D. C., he took the civil service examination and was appointed as a stenographer in the U. S. Fish Commission, which position he still holds, and which is his present address. Mr. Macey expects to locate in the western part of the country for the practice of law, but is uncertain as to the exact locality.

He possesses an easy, well-oiled disposition, with a voice that is low and flexible in ordinary conversation and capable of great carrying power when pushed to its strength. There is something æsthetic about him, and he has been known to turn a clever line of poetry, but never in debate.

William Leonard Symons was born in Cleveland, Ohio, February 24, 1870. His father, an Englishman,



removed to this country at an early age. He married a Virginia lady of revolutionary ancestry and located at Cleveland, where our subject was born. The family afterwards removed to Clinton Co., Ohio, and it was there that W. L. Symons was educated. He graduated from the High school in '88 and taught school for two years, holding one of the highest certificates granted. He afterwards went to Cleveland, where he held the position of assistant bookkeeper for the Cleveland Window Class Co., and in 1892 received an appointment as clerk in the War Department. He entered the law school and graduated an L.L. B. with the class of '93. During that year he was secretary of his class. Mr. Symons is a person of agreeable presence, with a pleasing voice in argument. He has been a faithful attendant at the debating society meetings and an active worker with his class since his connection with the school. On the completion of his studies he will probably locate at Cleveland.

The tallest man in the list is Frank Keifer, who was born June 12, 1870, at LaFayette, Ind. He attended

the public schools of his home town, graduating at the High school in the class of '87. He commenced his college course by attending Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Ind., and after four years work got an A. B. degree in '91. He then entered Purdue University, where he got a B. M. E. degree in '93 and an M. E. degree in '94. He is now in the Junior class of the law course, and on the completion of his studies expects to pay special attention to patent law. Mr. Keifer took an active part in the debating society from the time it organized this year, and has maintained a prominent position as a positive and convincing talker. In many respects he is a free lance, and seems to be hampered but little by tradition or precedent when he has once become satisfied that his position is right.

Joshua Soule Zimmerman, a citizen of W. Va., was born in Charles Co., Md., Jan. 16, 1874. He attended for a few years the schools of the Valley of Virginia, and then entered Roanoke College, Salem, Va., and was there two sessions, left there and entered Randolph-Macon University, and graduated in the class of

'92. On completing his school work he engaged in teaching, having charge of a school at Shelby, Miss. In 1893 he was appointed to a position in the U. S. Census Office, where he remained until the work of the 11th census was practically completed. He is now a member of the law class of '96 and intends to enter the practice at Romney, W. Va., his legal home. He is of good Methodist (southern) stock, and a staunch believer in the political teachings of Jefferson and Jackson. Mr. Zimmerman is an easy, genial type of the friend maker. At all times he is a student, and in the society he has earned a reputation for being a good listener. One of the best efforts to which the society has had the pleasure of listening this year was his extempore argument on the Venezuelan controversy. It was a clean, clear, concise piece of work.



Wm. Edwards Fort was born at Keyser, N. C., April 8, 1875. His earlier education was received at



Fayetteville, N. C. In 1886 he moved to Georgia, where he attended Blakeley Academy in Early county, and then entered Mercer University

at Macon, Ga. At the close of the junior year he was awarded the medal for junior oratory, and also the medal for general excellence in college work. He is now a member of the law class of '96. Mr. Fort is not a man to jump at conclusions. There is plenty of caution in his disposition, and in debate he is very careful to follow the precept of Carlyle, that the rights of one man end where the rights of another begin. He possesses a well modulated voice, and believes in thorough preparation before entering upon a contest.

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**Additional Scientific Notes**

Mr. G. W. Littlehales (Scientific, '88) has an article in the January number of the "American Journal of Science." He discusses from a mathematical standpoint the form of isolated submarine peaks with reference to their relation to the intervals at which deep-sea soundings should be taken in searching for probable shoals in the open ocean.

Professor A. W. Greely has an extremely interesting article in the January number of the "Century" on north pole explorations, which have made him so deservedly famous.

The report of the Committee of Fifteen, especially the section on the "Correlation of Studies in American Elementary Schools," by Dr. W. T. Harris, Commissioner of Education, has been published with a lengthy introduction for the German public by Professor Schoenfeld. The work has just appeared in the *Pädagogische Archiv*, Brunswick, one of the foremost educational magazines of Germany. Another lengthy essay on "American State Universities" appeared in the January number of the *Archiv*, for which Professor Schoenfeld is the American correspondent.

All students of the scientific department who hold positions as secretaries, or amanuenses (as well as of the other schools of the University) should take advantage of the opportunity afforded them by the CALL. Please send in your name and address, as an interesting article on this subject is in course of preparation.

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The attraction at New National next week, "The Gay Parisians," will be the greatest comedy success of the season, and of all the funny farces which manager Charles Frohman has presented to the public for genuine humor, hearty laughter and neyer-flagging action this has been declared by the metropolitan press to be easily entitled to the first rank. The company to appear here will be the original New York cast without a single exception, which comes direct from the metropolis, where it has been playing to paced business ehroughout the season. That it is still not going merrily an there is because the playwright Hoyt insisted that a theatre beating his name must present one of his own productions before the season was half over. Those most prominent in the company are W. J. Ferguson, who has created so many character parts, and Miss Odette Tyler, who has not been seen on the stage since her engagement with Howard Gould two years ago.

### A Good Question.

Those whose fortune it was to inspect the fine collection of Sherman statues on exhibition in the War Department saw among the twenty-three models exhibited one by our own Professor Amateis. Professor Amateis's design did not get the prize, it is true, but the design has received much favorable criticism both on account of the originality of conception and the masterly and artistic manner in which he worked up his idea. The model was a radical departure from the tiresome stereotyped design. It represented the General as just emerging from a triumphal arch mounted on a restless horse, into which the Professor threw much action. Sherman was surrounded by a horde of his war-tried soldiers, and each figure was worked up with much care and great skill. The whole effect was remarkably pleasing.

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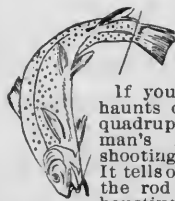
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